Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 917-02462-2608-058 | Date: 02/15/17 | Time: 1825

Location: [redacted] East Avenue R, [redacted] | City or Station: Palmdale

Bureau/Station/Facility: North Patrol Division/ Palmdale Station | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Personal Weapons/ Control Holds/ Team Takedown/ Taser/ Hobble/ Resistive Handcuffing

Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3 | Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lt. Roberta Granek | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Gregg | First Name: Zachary | Middle I.: P | Rank: DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: 5'10" | Weight: 190 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 263J

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons/Control Holds/Takedown/ Resisted | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ○2 ◉3

☒ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted | Facility: Palmdale Regional Medical Cener | Coroner Case #

E2

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | Middle I. [redacted] | Rank [redacted]

Sex: [redacted] M ○ F | Race: [redacted] | Height: [redacted] | Weight: [redacted] | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day [redacted] PM | [redacted] Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons/ Control Holds/Takedown/ Hobble | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3

☒ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted | Facility: | Coroner Case #

E3

Emp. #: [redacted] | Last Name: Guerra | First Name: Alex | Middle I.: F | Rank: DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 6'02" | Weight: 225 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Palmdale Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 263K

Individual Force Used: Personal Weapons/Control Holds/Takedown/ Resisted | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○1 ○2 ◉3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted | Facility: | Coroner Case #

☒ Additional Involved Employees

On Duty Supervisor

Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | Middle I. [redacted] | Rank [redacted] | Present YES ○ NO ◉ | Witness to Incident YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: Maxwell | First Name: Michael | Middle I.: L | Rank: Sgt. | Present YES ○ NO ◉ | Witness to Incident YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: Granek | First Name: Roberta | Middle I.: C | Rank: Lt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** [signature] | Date: 12/13/17 | Copy Provided to Employee by: [redacted] | Emp #:

Unit Commander **(Print Name)**: Dennis M. Kneer, Captain | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

[redacted]

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation

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Involved Employee

E4

E[redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Mi[redacted]l.	Rank DSG

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
◉ M ○ F	H	5'04"	135	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
Palmdale Station	263

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
Control Holds/ Personal Weapons/ Resistive Handcuffing	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	◉ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:		Coroner Case #

E5

E[redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	Middle I. [redacted]	Rank DSG

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
◉ M ○ F	W	5'09"	210	[redacted]	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	○ Regular Shift ◉ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
Palmdale Station	265A

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
Taser/ Control Holds	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:		Coroner Case #

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility:		Coroner Case #

E_

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank

Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
○ M ○ F					○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

Individual Force Used:		Individual Category
	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3
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Sex:	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift:	
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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Archuleta | First Name: Michael | Middle Name: Danny | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: H | Age: 61 | Height: 5' 10" | Weight: 183 | D.O.B: 5-5-56 | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C None | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C None

Street Addr[redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zi[redacted]

Booking #: 4909666 | Primary Charge Code: 245(c) PC | Secondary Charge Code: 69PC | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: LA County Fire | Unit: unknown | Phone #: unknown

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: Palmdale Regional | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☒ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES (●) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? (●) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Date: 2/16/17 | Time: 0025 | ☐ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

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☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Brandenburg	Jason	A

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Palmdale Station	265A	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	○ Regular ◉ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
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(FB) Flashbang
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(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
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(SH) Shield
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(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
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(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
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(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Archuleta	S#1	Gregg	E1	UC	NN	NN
				PH	NN	HE
				PH	AB	FA
				PH	AB	NK
				RS	NN	AR
				PK	NN	NN
				PO	HB	HD
		[redacted]	E2	UC	NN	NN
				OB	CP	HE
				RS	NN	AR
				OB	NN	NN
				PH	CP	NK
		Guerra	E3	PK	NN	CH
				PK	NN	NN
				RS	NN	SH
				RS	NN	HD
		[redacted]	E4	RS	NN	AR
			E5	RS	NN	SH
Gregg	E1	Archuleta	S1	CT	NN	AR
				PH	FR	FA
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				TT	NN	CH
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				HB	NN	LE
Guerra	E3	Archuleta	S1	CT	CC	LE
				TT	NN	CH
				PO	FR	AD
				PH	NN	BK
				CT	NN	HD
				RH	NN	HD
[redacted]	E4	Archuleta	S1	CT	NN	AR
				RH	NN	WR
				PP	NN	HE
[redacted]	E5	Archuleta	S1	RS	NN	BK
				TR	NN	BK

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Use of Force, Orbital fracture and rib fractures**
IAB FILE NUMBERS:	**FO 2421924**
URN#:	**917-02462-2608-058**
DATE/TIME:	**February 15, 2017, 1825 hours**
LOCATION:	[redacted] **East Avenue R,** [redacted] **Palmdale**

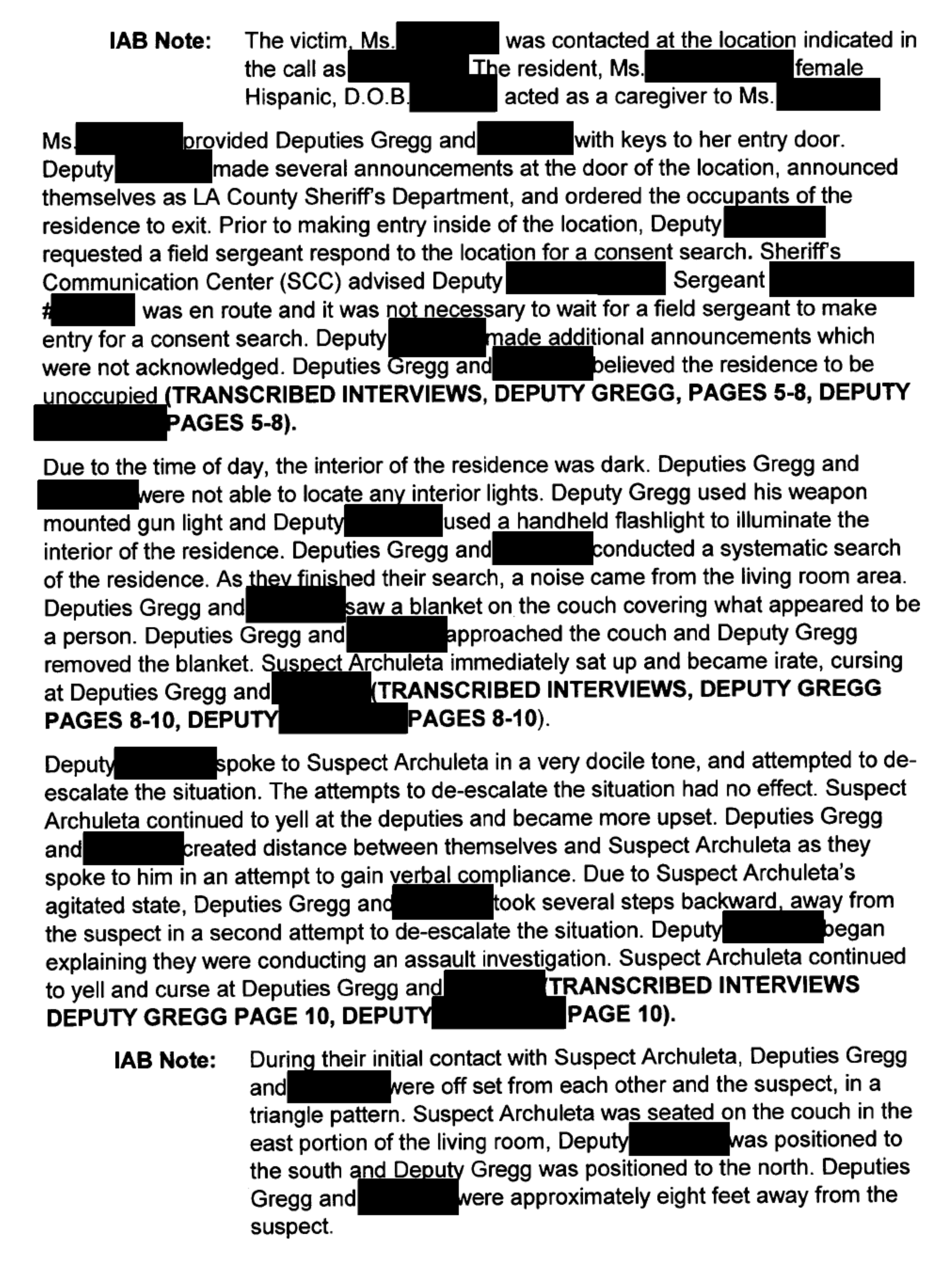
SYNOPSIS

On February 15, 2017, at approximately 1825 hours, deputies from Palmdale Sheriff's Station responded to [redacted] Palmdale, regarding a "Family Disturbance" call, Tag-387 **(EXHIBIT A).** The narrative of the call indicated Suspect Michael Archuleta, was on [redacted] and had an [redacted] Deputy Zachary Gregg and Deputy [redacted] were the first to arrive.

IAB Note: Using Departmental resources, Deputy Gregg confirmed S/Archuleta's [redacted] status. Deputy Gregg also spoke to California Department of Corrections, Parole Agent [redacted] who verified the [redacted] for Suspect Archuleta.

IAB Note: Deputy Gregg was assigned as 263J which was a single man unit. Deputy [redacted] was assigned as [redacted] which was also a single man unit. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] met outside of the location on Avenue R and discussed how they would attempt to handle the call.

Deputies Gregg and [redacted] contacted the victim, [redacted] a female Hispanic, 80 years old. Ms. [redacted] told them her [redacted] Suspect Michael Archuleta, had assaulted her earlier in the day. Ms. [redacted] told Deputies Gregg and [redacted] she wanted to go home; however, she was afraid the suspect would be in the house. Ms. [redacted] asked them to check her house which was located in [redacted] Ms. [redacted] gave a description of Suspect Archuleta but did not disclose any current or previous mental health concerns. Ms. [redacted] believed her [redacted] Suspect Archuleta, left the location based on his actions from prior incidents.



IAB Note: The victim, Ms. [redacted] was contacted at the location indicated in the call as [redacted] The resident, Ms. [redacted] female Hispanic, D.O.B. [redacted] acted as a caregiver to Ms. [redacted]

Ms. [redacted] provided Deputies Gregg and [redacted] with keys to her entry door. Deputy [redacted] made several announcements at the door of the location, announced themselves as LA County Sheriff's Department, and ordered the occupants of the residence to exit. Prior to making entry inside of the location, Deputy [redacted] requested a field sergeant respond to the location for a consent search. Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) advised Deputy [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted] was en route and it was not necessary to wait for a field sergeant to make entry for a consent search. Deputy [redacted] made additional announcements which were not acknowledged. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] believed the residence to be unoccupied **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS, DEPUTY GREGG, PAGES 5-8, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGES 5-8).**

Due to the time of day, the interior of the residence was dark. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] were not able to locate any interior lights. Deputy Gregg used his weapon mounted gun light and Deputy [redacted] used a handheld flashlight to illuminate the interior of the residence. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] conducted a systematic search of the residence. As they finished their search, a noise came from the living room area. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] saw a blanket on the couch covering what appeared to be a person. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] approached the couch and Deputy Gregg removed the blanket. Suspect Archuleta immediately sat up and became irate, cursing at Deputies Gregg and [redacted] **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS, DEPUTY GREGG PAGES 8-10, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGES 8-10).**

Deputy [redacted] spoke to Suspect Archuleta in a very docile tone, and attempted to de-escalate the situation. The attempts to de-escalate the situation had no effect. Suspect Archuleta continued to yell at the deputies and became more upset. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] created distance between themselves and Suspect Archuleta as they spoke to him in an attempt to gain verbal compliance. Due to Suspect Archuleta's agitated state, Deputies Gregg and [redacted] took several steps backward, away from the suspect in a second attempt to de-escalate the situation. Deputy [redacted] began explaining they were conducting an assault investigation. Suspect Archuleta continued to yell and curse at Deputies Gregg and [redacted] **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS DEPUTY GREGG PAGE 10, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGE 10).**

IAB Note: During their initial contact with Suspect Archuleta, Deputies Gregg and [redacted] were off set from each other and the suspect, in a triangle pattern. Suspect Archuleta was seated on the couch in the east portion of the living room, Deputy [redacted] was positioned to the south and Deputy Gregg was positioned to the north. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] were approximately eight feet away from the suspect.

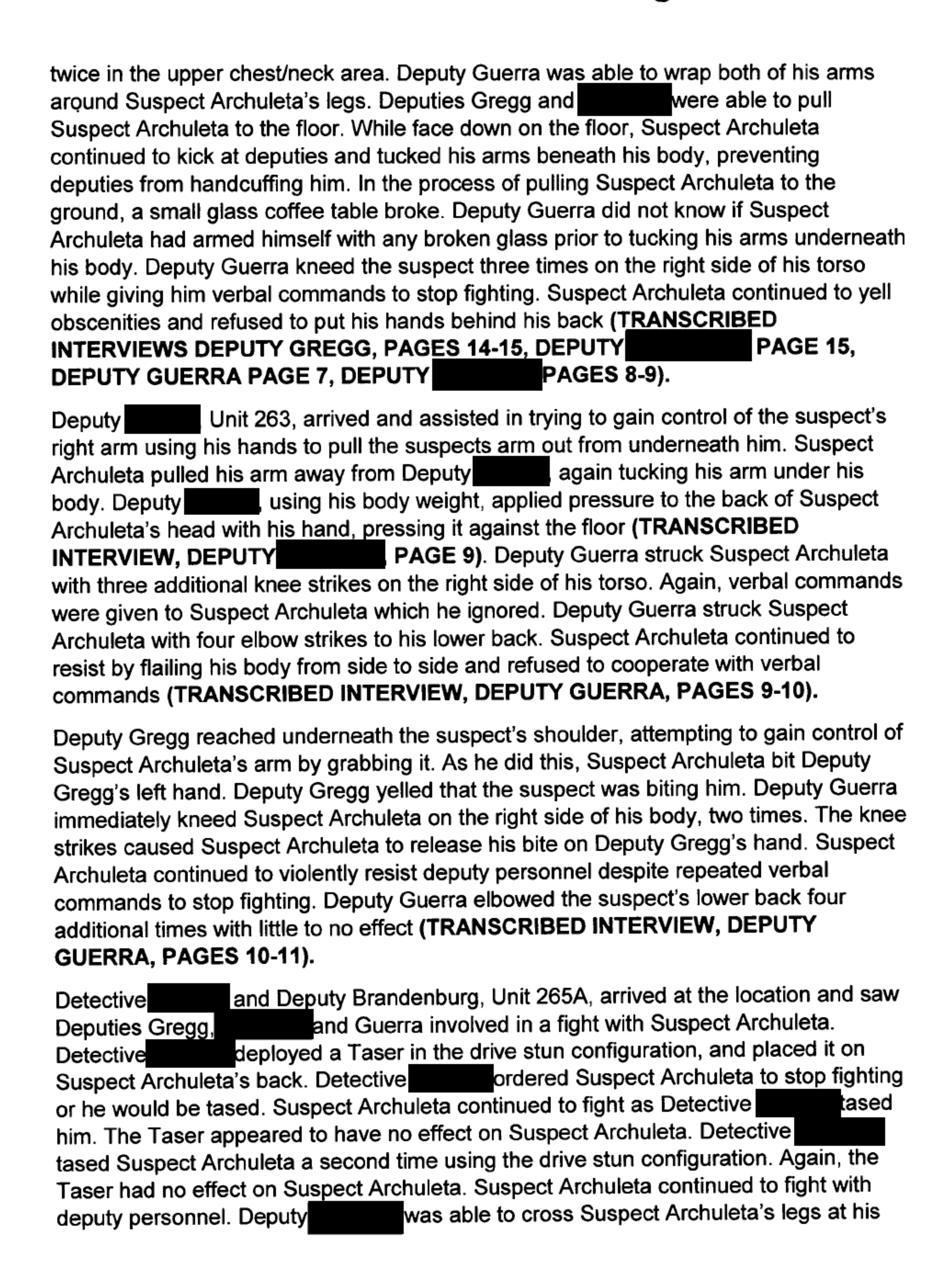
Suspect Archuleta armed himself with a hard blue colored object, later determined to be an ice pack. Deputy Gregg retrieved his Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray and ordered Suspect Archuleta to drop the object. Without warning, Suspect Archuleta threw it at Deputy [redacted] which struck him on the right side of his face. Suspect Archuleta then armed himself with a glass cup. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] took immediate action and closed the distance, and prevented Suspect Archuleta from throwing the glass cup. Deputy Gregg grabbed Suspect Archuleta's right arm with his left hand and placed his right hand on the suspect's right chest area. Suspect Archuleta began to fight, kick and punch in their direction. Suspect Archuleta hit Deputy Gregg on the left and right side of his head, and gouged his left eye with his hands. Suspect Archuleta then scratched the left side of Deputy Gregg's neck. Deputy Gregg tried to gain control of the suspect's left arm using his hands when the suspect scratched the right side of his neck. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] struggled to control Suspect Archuleta. Deputy Gregg gave several verbal commands for Suspect Archuleta to stop fighting. Deputy [redacted] was able to broadcast emergent radio traffic indicating they were involved in a fight and requested assistance **(EXHIBIT B) (TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS, DEPUTY GREGG PAGES 11-13, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGES 11-15).**

IAB Note: Due to the confined space of the trailer, and close proximity to each other, Deputy Gregg was hesitant to deploy his OC spray. Deputy Gregg felt the OC spray would incapacitate one or both of them.

Deputy Gregg gave Suspect Archuleta multiple verbal commands to stop fighting as they, Deputies Gregg and [redacted] tried to gain control of him by using their hands to hold him in place. Suspect Archuleta swung his left hand, which held the glass cup, in the direction of Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] used his right hand, and knocked the glass cup from Suspect Archuleta's hand. In the same movement, Deputy [redacted] punched Suspect Archuleta on the left side of his face with his right fist. The punch had no effect on Suspect Archuleta. Deputy Gregg attempted to gain control of Suspect Archuleta's right arm as Deputy [redacted] attempted to gain control of his left arm as they held onto his arms.

Deputy Gregg punched Suspect Archuleta in the face with his right fist attempting to stop his assault. The punch had little to no effect. Suspect Archuleta, despite numerous verbal commands, continued to engage both Deputies Gregg and [redacted] Suspect Archuleta punched Deputy Gregg on the left side of his face three times. Deputy Gregg punched the suspect in the face and body approximately five times, twice to the head and three times to the upper torso while giving him verbal commands to stop fighting. Deputy Gregg said his punches had no effect on Suspect Archuleta and did not notice any injuries caused by his punches **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS, DEPUTY GREGG PAGES 11-13, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGES 11-15).**

Deputy Guerra, Unit 263K, arrived at the location and attempted to gain control of Suspect Archuleta's legs by wrapping both arms around his legs as he was violently kicking toward Deputies Gregg and [redacted] Suspect Archuleta kicked Deputy Guerra



twice in the upper chest/neck area. Deputy Guerra was able to wrap both of his arms around Suspect Archuleta's legs. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] were able to pull Suspect Archuleta to the floor. While face down on the floor, Suspect Archuleta continued to kick at deputies and tucked his arms beneath his body, preventing deputies from handcuffing him. In the process of pulling Suspect Archuleta to the ground, a small glass coffee table broke. Deputy Guerra did not know if Suspect Archuleta had armed himself with any broken glass prior to tucking his arms underneath his body. Deputy Guerra kneed the suspect three times on the right side of his torso while giving him verbal commands to stop fighting. Suspect Archuleta continued to yell obscenities and refused to put his hands behind his back **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS DEPUTY GREGG, PAGES 14-15, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGE 15, DEPUTY GUERRA PAGE 7, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGES 8-9).**

Deputy [redacted] Unit 263, arrived and assisted in trying to gain control of the suspect's right arm using his hands to pull the suspects arm out from underneath him. Suspect Archuleta pulled his arm away from Deputy [redacted] again tucking his arm under his body. Deputy [redacted] using his body weight, applied pressure to the back of Suspect Archuleta's head with his hand, pressing it against the floor **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW, DEPUTY [redacted] PAGE 9)**. Deputy Guerra struck Suspect Archuleta with three additional knee strikes on the right side of his torso. Again, verbal commands were given to Suspect Archuleta which he ignored. Deputy Guerra struck Suspect Archuleta with four elbow strikes to his lower back. Suspect Archuleta continued to resist by flailing his body from side to side and refused to cooperate with verbal commands **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW, DEPUTY GUERRA, PAGES 9-10).**

Deputy Gregg reached underneath the suspect's shoulder, attempting to gain control of Suspect Archuleta's arm by grabbing it. As he did this, Suspect Archuleta bit Deputy Gregg's left hand. Deputy Gregg yelled that the suspect was biting him. Deputy Guerra immediately kneed Suspect Archuleta on the right side of his body, two times. The knee strikes caused Suspect Archuleta to release his bite on Deputy Gregg's hand. Suspect Archuleta continued to violently resist deputy personnel despite repeated verbal commands to stop fighting. Deputy Guerra elbowed the suspect's lower back four additional times with little to no effect **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW, DEPUTY GUERRA, PAGES 10-11).**

Detective [redacted] and Deputy Brandenburg, Unit 265A, arrived at the location and saw Deputies Gregg, [redacted] and Guerra involved in a fight with Suspect Archuleta. Detective [redacted] deployed a Taser in the drive stun configuration, and placed it on Suspect Archuleta's back. Detective [redacted] ordered Suspect Archuleta to stop fighting or he would be tased. Suspect Archuleta continued to fight as Detective [redacted] tased him. The Taser appeared to have no effect on Suspect Archuleta. Detective [redacted] tased Suspect Archuleta a second time using the drive stun configuration. Again, the Taser had no effect on Suspect Archuleta. Suspect Archuleta continued to fight with deputy personnel. Deputy [redacted] was able to cross Suspect Archuleta's legs at his

ankles, to stop him from further kicking at deputies. Detective [redacted] tased Suspect Archuleta a third time in the drive stun configuration which had minimal effect. Deputy Guerra immediately delivered three additional knee strikes to Suspect Archuleta's right side. Suspect Archuleta removed his right arm from underneath himself and grabbed his right side. Deputy Guerra, using his hands, gained control of Suspect Archuleta's right arm by holding on to it. Detective [redacted] tased Suspect Archuleta a fourth time, which allowed Deputy Gregg to gain control of the suspect's left arm. The Taser, accompanied with the last three knee strikes were effective in stopping Suspect Archuleta's assault and assisted with gaining control of Suspect Archuleta's arms for handcuffing **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEWS, DEPUTY GUERRA, PAGE 12, DETECTIVE [redacted] PAGES 5-8).** Suspect Archuleta was handcuffed without further incident. Deputy [redacted] retrieved a hobble from Deputy Guerra and placed it around Suspect Archuleta's ankles as he was being handcuffed. All reports documenting the incident were submitted as **(EXHIBIT C).**

IAB Note: During the use of force, due to the poor lighting conditions, as well as the safety of deputy personnel, Deputy Brandenburg removed the Taser cartridge from his Department issued Taser and handed it to Detective [redacted] prior to deploying the Taser. Deputy Brandenburg cycled the Taser to ensure it was functioning properly prior to handing it to Detective [redacted]

IAB Note: After the first ineffective drive stun, Detective [redacted] cycled the Taser to ensure it was working properly.

Suspect Archuleta was taken to Palmdale Regional Medical Center for booking clearance. While at Palmdale Regional Medical Center, it was revealed, Suspect Archuleta sustained a left orbital fracture, and fractured ribs on his right side. Suspect Archuleta was transported to Antelope Valley Hospital for further treatment prior to being booked in County Jail. Suspect Archuleta's medical records are included in this case as **(EXHIBIT D).**

IAB Note: Palmdale Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Burgin, responded to Palmdale Regional Medical Center to conduct an interview of Suspect Archuleta. The interview was digitally recorded and submitted as **(EXHIBIT B).** Suspect Archuleta's statements were unintelligible and could not be used to gather any factual information regarding the incident.

Deputy Gregg was medically treated at Palmdale Regional Medical Center for a bite wound and corneal abrasion. Deputy Gregg was released to work without restrictions.

On February 15, 2017, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Roberta Granek, Sergeant Michael Maxwell, and Sergeant [redacted] responded to Palmdale Station regarding a use of force; wherein, the suspect sustained

a fractured left orbital, and fractured ribs. The following review is based on written documentation and interviews of witnesses, involved deputies, and the suspect.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Zachary Gregg, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	September 2, 2010
Date Assigned to Patrol/Palmdale Station:	April 5, 2015
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior founded force incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol
Magazines
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs
Radio
Expandable baton

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY


[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
[redacted]

Work History



Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol/Palmdale Station:	
Date Completed Patrol Training:	
Prior founded force incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol
Magazines
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs
Radio
Expandable baton

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Alex Guerra, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	April 23, 2012
Date Assigned to Patrol/Palmdale Station:	December 20, 2015
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior founded force incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol
Magazines
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs
Radio

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	September 20, 2012
Date Assigned to Patrol/Palmdale Station:	December 20, 2015
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior founded force incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol
Magazines
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs
Radio
Expandable baton

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
North Patrol Division
Palmdale Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	June 28, 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol/Palmdale Station:	July 29, 2007
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior founded force incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person

Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistol
Magazines
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Handcuffs
Radio
Expandable baton

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Michael D. Archuleta
Male, Hispanic, DOB: May 5, 1956, 5'10", 183 pounds
[redacted]
CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

> **IAB Note:** A copy of Suspect Archuleta's criminal history is included as **[EXHIBIT E].**

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Michael Archuleta was transported to Palmdale Regional Medical Center to be treated for his injuries. He was subsequently transferred to Antelope Valley Hospital for further treatment. Suspect Archuleta sustained a left orbital fracture and multiple rib fractures. Suspect Archuleta was seen by the Emergency Department physician, Doctor Samuel Christojohn and given medical clearance for booking. See photographs submitted as **[EXHIBIT F]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputy Zachary Gregg sustained a bite wound to his left hand and a corneal abrasion.

Deputy [redacted] sustained a small scratch and redness to the right side of his neck. See photographs submitted as **[EXHIBIT G]**.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Six hours transpired from the use of force to IAB investigator's observations. Due to the early morning hours, investigator's responded to Palmdale Regional Medical Center and contacted Suspect Archuleta.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Gregg used personal weapons, team takedown, control holds and resistive handcuffing.

Deputy [redacted] used personal weapons, team takedown, control holds and hobble.

Deputy Guerra used personal weapons, team takedown, control holds and resistive handcuffing.

Deputy [redacted] used control holds and personal weapons.

Detective [redacted] used a Taser and control holds.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT MICHAEL ARCHULETA

Suspect Archuleta used personal weapons.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

A small glass coffee table was shattered.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED

INVESTIGATOR: Palmdale Station Detective [redacted] # [redacted]

COURT: Antelope Valley Courthouse

CHARGES: Three counts of 245(C) P.C.; Three counts of 69 P.C.; 290(C); 368(c) P.C.

The court proceedings regarding this matter are ongoing as of December 12, 2017.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The scene was illuminated by hand held flashlights. There were no other sources of lighting at the time.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ZACHARY GREGG

On September 13, 2017, Deputy Gregg was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators.

On February 15, 2017, Deputy Gregg was assigned to Palmdale Station on PM shift assigned as unit 263J, a single person unit. Deputy Gregg was assigned to a uniformed position, patrolling in a marked patrol vehicle. Deputy Gregg received a call for service at [redacted] East Avenue R, [redacted] Palmdale, of a possible family disturbance. Deputy [redacted] assigned as unit [redacted] a single person unit, was also assigned to the call for service. The call indicated the tenant was assaulted by her [redacted] Suspect Archuleta, who was on [redacted] It further stated it was unknown if Suspect Archuleta had left the location.

IAB Note: Both Deputy Gregg and Deputy [redacted] had responded to another [redacted] prior to this incident. As they concluded the prior call, Deputy Gregg discussed with Deputy [redacted] a tactical plan.

IAB Note: [redacted] East Avenue R, Palmdale, is a community of [redacted] Both Deputies Gregg and [redacted] were familiar with the residential community.

IAB Note: Prior to their arrival, Deputy Gregg confirmed Suspect Archuleta's [redacted] status. Additionally, Deputy Gregg contacted Suspect Archuleta's [redacted] agent who verified an active [redacted] for Suspect Archuleta's arrest.

Deputy Gregg arrived at the location and contacted the victim, [redacted] Ms. [redacted] told Deputy Gregg she was afraid to go back to her home and wanted him to check to see if her [redacted] Suspect Archuleta was still inside the residence. Ms. [redacted] gave her house keys to Deputy Gregg and gave him permission to enter her home and check for the suspect **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 5-8).**

Deputy Gregg and Deputy [redacted] opened the front door and announced their presence inside of the location. Deputy Gregg stated he also contacted his field sergeant, who indicated he was responding; however, he was not needed to make entry and secure the location. Deputy Gregg said he waited approximately two minutes for anyone inside the location to acknowledge their presence and come outside.

Deputy Gregg said the interior of the location was dark and he was not able to find any light switches and instead used his weapon mounted light to clear the location. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] conducted a systematic search of the location. As they concluded their search, Deputy Gregg noticed a figure underneath a thick blanket on the couch. Deputy Gregg asked Suspect Archuleta to remove the blanket while he told him he was

not in any trouble and he needed to speak to him **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 9).**

Suspect Archuleta removed the blanket and immediately began yelling at Deputies Gregg and [redacted] Deputy Gregg attempted to de-escalate the situation by backing away and talking in a very docile voice. Suspect Archuleta remained angry and told Deputy Gregg that he would arrest him and "fucking kill him." Suspect Archuleta immediately reached for a blue ice pack and threw it at Deputy [redacted] Deputy Gregg believed he and Deputy [redacted] were approximately eight feet away from Suspect Archuleta when he threw the ice pack at Deputy [redacted] which hit him in the face. No additional source of light could be found, and the interior of the residence remained dark **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 9-11).**

Deputy Gregg saw Suspect Archuleta reach for a nearby glass cup. Deputy Gregg said he immediately closed the distance and attempted to control Suspect Archuleta's arm, preventing him from arming himself with something more dangerous. Deputy Gregg used his right hand to grab Suspect Archuleta's right wrist and placed his left hand on the bicep area of Suspect Archuleta. Suspect Archuleta violently resisted, kicked, and punched both Deputies Gregg and [redacted] Suspect Archuleta then gouged Deputy Gregg's left eye with his finger. Deputy Gregg punched the suspect three times in the upper torso area and two times in his facial area. The strikes had little to no effect as Suspect Archuleta continued to violently resist **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 11-12).**

Deputy Gregg heard Deputy [redacted] broadcast emergent radio traffic indicating deputies were involved in a fight as he continued to struggle with Suspect Archuleta. Deputy Guerra arrived at the location and assisted Deputies Gregg and [redacted] in pulling the suspect off of the couch and onto the floor. Suspect Archuleta continued to punch at deputies the entire time.

> **IAB Note:** While pulling Suspect Archuleta off of the couch and onto the floor a small coffee table was knocked over. The table had a glass top which shattered on the floor.

While on the floor, Suspect Archuleta continued to resist by violently kicking and yelling he was going to kill them. Deputies Gregg, [redacted] and Guerra were able to roll Suspect Archuleta onto his stomach while attempting to get his hands behind his back. Deputy Gregg struck Suspect Archuleta four times in the left side of his face with a closed fist. The strikes had little to no effect on him. Deputy Gregg attempted to gain control of Suspect Archuleta's left arm by reaching under his left shoulder and neck area with his left hand. Suspect Archuleta bit Deputy Gregg on his left hand. Deputy Guerra delivered two knee strikes to Suspect Archuleta, who then stopped biting Deputy Gregg **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 12-16).**

Deputy Gregg said additional deputies arrived, including Detective [redacted] Deputy Gregg saw Detective [redacted] deploy the Taser in the drive stun mode. Deputy Gregg

recalled hearing the Taser cycle two times. He said the Taser eventually had a positive effect and Suspect Archuleta placed his hands behind his back. Suspect Archuleta was handcuffed without further incident **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 16-20).**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

On September 18, 2017, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators.

On February 15, 2017, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to Palmdale Station on PM shift assigned as unit [redacted] a single person unit. Deputy [redacted] was assigned to a uniformed position, patrolling in marked patrol vehicle. Deputy [redacted] received a call for service at [redacted] East Avenue R, [redacted] Palmdale, of a possible family disturbance. Deputy [redacted] was assigned as an assisting unit along with Deputy Gregg. The call indicated the tenant was assaulted by her [redacted] Suspect Archuleta, who was on [redacted] It further stated that it was unknown if Suspect Archuleta had left the location.

Deputy [redacted] said he met up with Deputy Gregg outside of the entrance to the mobile home park and drove into the park simultaneously. Once inside the residential area, they approached [redacted] where the victim, [redacted] was located. Once contact was made with Ms. [redacted] it was determined an assault had occurred. Ms. [redacted] asked Deputies Gregg and [redacted] to check the inside of her residence to ensure her [redacted] Suspect Archuleta, had left the location **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 5-6).**

IAB Note: Ms. [redacted] told Deputies Gregg and [redacted] her [redacted] Suspect Archuleta, was most likely out of the house. This information was based on prior incidents where law enforcement had been called to the location; Suspect Archuleta left the location prior to police arriving.

Deputy [redacted] discussed a tactical plan with Deputy Gregg as to how they would search the location. Deputy [redacted] stated both he and Deputy Gregg had been inside several trailers at the mobile home park. Deputy [redacted] felt two or three deputies at most were needed to search the residence. Deputy [redacted] said a field sergeant was requested in order to make a "protective sweep" of the location. Deputy [redacted] said the field sergeant, Sergeant [redacted] told them it was okay to make entry without him if the purpose of the entry was to conduct a "protective sweep."

IAB Note: A "protective sweep" is a search, with the sole purpose of helping protect officers and others from harm. "Protective sweeps" are a type of protective search. They are a quick, limited search of a premises conducted prior to or just after effecting an arrest. The scope of a "sweep" is narrowly confined to a visual inspection of places wherein a *person* may be hiding.

Deputy [redacted] said he made between five to seven announcements at the doorway of the victim's residence. Deputy [redacted] said he waited several minutes while making additional announcements, and ordered anyone inside of the location to come outside. Deputy [redacted] said he waited approximately five minutes prior to making entry into the residence. Deputy [redacted] said the interior of the location was pitch black. He attempted to locate a light switch but was unable to find any. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Gregg illuminated the interior of the residence using flashlights and conducted a systematic search of the location **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 6-9).**

IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] said he had responded to [redacted] East Avenue R, [redacted] Palmdale, on at least one prior occasion. Deputy [redacted] said he was familiar with the layout but did not have any contact with Suspect Archuleta at the time.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Gregg completed their search of the residence and finished in the living room area. Upon illuminating the couch, Deputy [redacted] noticed a blanket laying on top of the couch. Initially nothing seemed out of the ordinary. As they walked toward the front door to exit, Deputy [redacted] heard a noise coming from the couch area. As he looked at the couch he noticed movement under the blanket.

Deputy Gregg made verbal contact with Suspect Archuleta who immediately became enraged. Suspect Archuleta said, "What the fuck do you want? What are you doing in my house? Get the fuck out." Deputy Gregg tried to calm the suspect down by talking with him. Based on the suspect's demeanor, Deputy [redacted] believed he was under the influence of drugs or had some mental health issues. Deputy [redacted] described the suspect's speech as rapid and he appeared very tense **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 9-10).**

While attempting to de-escalate the situation, Suspect Archuleta grabbed a blue ice pack, which was on an end table next to the couch he was seated on. Deputies Gregg and [redacted] took several steps backward attempting to distance themselves from Suspect Archuleta. Deputy [redacted] estimated he was seven feet away from Suspect Archuleta when the suspect threw the blue ice pack at him. Deputy [redacted] turned his head away and the ice pack struck him behind his right ear. Deputy [redacted] turned his head back in the direction of the suspect and saw that he was arming himself with a large glass cup **(TRANCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 10-13).**

Deputy [redacted] felt he had no choice but to close the distance and engage Suspect Archuleta for fear of being struck by the glass cup. Deputy [redacted] said he closed the distance as quickly as possible. Suspect Archuleta swung his hand which held the glass cup toward Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] said he was able to deflect the cup with his right hand and in the same motion, he punched Suspect Archuleta one time with a closed fist on the left side of his face. Deputy [redacted] said he did not have any other viable force option at the time.

As Deputy [redacted] attempted to grab Suspect Archuleta's left arm, his flashlight fell to the floor. Deputy [redacted] said the room was pitch black without his light. He grabbed Suspect Archuleta by his sweater, trying to control the left side of the suspect's body. Deputy [redacted] heard Deputy Gregg yelling, "Stop fighting, stop fighting." Deputy [redacted] was able to grab Suspect Archuleta's left arm and initiate emergent radio traffic. Suspect Archuleta grabbed Deputy [redacted] by his throat which restricted his breathing. Deputy [redacted] immediately punched Suspect Archuleta two times in the face with a closed fist. Suspect Archuleta continued to fight with deputies **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 13-14).**

Deputy [redacted] said deputies began arriving at the location. He first observed Deputy Guerra inside of the location. Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Archuleta by his left arm and pulled him toward the floor, while Deputy Gregg and Deputy Guerra grabbed him on his right side. All three deputies were able to take Suspect Archuleta to the floor. Deputy [redacted] tripped over a coffee table and fell to the floor with the suspect. As he stood up, Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy Guerra on the suspect's right side and Deputy Gregg on the suspect's left side, near his upper torso **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 15).**

Deputy [redacted] said he then noticed Detective [redacted] and Deputy Brandenburg enter the residence. He heard Detective [redacted] announce "Taser, taser, taser" as he, Deputy [redacted] struggled to gain control of the suspect's legs as the suspect continued to kick his legs at Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] said Detective [redacted] deployed the Taser two times using the drive stun configuration into the suspect's lower back. Deputy [redacted] saw the light emitting from the Taser go into the suspect's back.

Due to the limited space inside of the location, Deputy [redacted] instructed Deputy Brandenburg to "flag down" the responding fire department. Deputy [redacted] was able to apply a hobble restraint around Suspect Archuleta's ankles. Deputy [redacted] said he heard Deputy Guerra say the suspect had been handcuffed; however, he did not see how the suspect was handcuffed. Deputy [redacted] said he sustained scratches to his neck, and did not seek medical treatment **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 16-20).**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ALEX GUERRA

On September 18, 2017, Deputy Guerra was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators.

On February 15, 2017, Deputy Guerra was assigned to Palmdale Station on PM shift assigned as unit 263K, a single person unit. Deputy Guerra was assigned to a uniformed position, patrolling in a marked patrol vehicle. Deputy Guerra received a call for service at [redacted] East Avenue R, [redacted] Palmdale, of a possible family disturbance. Deputy Guerra was delayed due [redacted] He said the call was coordinated by Deputies Gregg and [redacted] who responded together.

Deputy Guerra said he arrived at the location and heard what sounded like furniture being slammed against the walls of the residence. Deputy Guerra believed there were people fighting inside of the location. As he got to the front door, he heard emergent radio traffic broadcast of deputies being involved in a fight. Deputy Guerra looked inside the residence and saw Deputies Gregg and [redacted] struggling with Suspect Archuleta who was seated on the couch **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 5-6).**

Deputy Guerra ran toward the couch to assist Deputies Gregg and [redacted] control the suspect. Suspect Archuleta began kicking his legs violently at Deputy Guerra, striking him in his upper chest / neck area. After being kicked, Deputy Guerra said he was able to wrap both of his arms around the suspect's legs, pinning them together. Deputy Guerra and Deputy Gregg, who were on the suspect's left side, pulled the suspect off of the couch. As the suspect was pulled from the couch, he continued to violently resist. Deputies Gregg and Guerra lost control of the suspect and he fell onto the floor.

IAB Note: During the takedown, a small wooden coffee table with a glass top was knocked over. The glass top shattered, leaving glass pieces on the floor next to Suspect Archuleta.

Suspect Archuleta fell onto his stomach and immediately tucked both of his hands underneath his body **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 6-7).**

Deputy [redacted] arrived at the location and attempted to control the suspect's right hand by pulling his arm out from underneath him, while Deputy Gregg attempted to gain control of his left arm by pulling his arms out from underneath himself. Suspect Archuleta continued to kick at deputies while he yelled obscenities at them. Deputy Guerra gave the suspect several verbal commands to stop fighting and untuck his arms. Suspect Archuleta refused to obey the commands. Deputy Guerra said he was unsure if the suspect armed himself with a piece of glass. Deputy Guerra then struck the suspect with three knee strikes to the right torso area. The knee strikes appeared to have no effect as the suspect continued to aggressively resist **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 8-9).**

Deputy Guerra continued to give the suspect verbal commands to stop fighting, which he ignored. Deputy Guerra then struck the suspect with two additional knee strikes on the right side of his torso. Deputy Guerra again ordered the suspect to stop fighting and remove his arms from underneath his body. Suspect Archuleta refused and Deputy Guerra struck the suspect with four elbow strikes to his lower back. The elbow strikes appeared to have no effect on the suspect. Deputy Guerra believed the suspect was under the influence of a Central Nervous System (CNS) Stimulant, resulting in greater pain tolerance **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 9-11).**

Deputy Guerra said Detective [redacted] arrived at the location and he heard him say "Taser, Taser" and deploy a Taser, in the drive stun mode. After the Taser cycled, Deputy Guerra said the suspect still refused to put his arms behind his back and continued fighting. Deputy Guerra said he struck the suspect with three knee strikes to

the right side of his torso. The knee strikes appeared to be effective as Suspect Archuleta removed his arms from underneath his stomach. Deputy Guerra was able to grab the suspect's right hand and place it behind his back as Deputy Gregg placed the suspect's left hand behind his back and he was then handcuffed **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 11-13).**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

On September 18, 2017, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators.

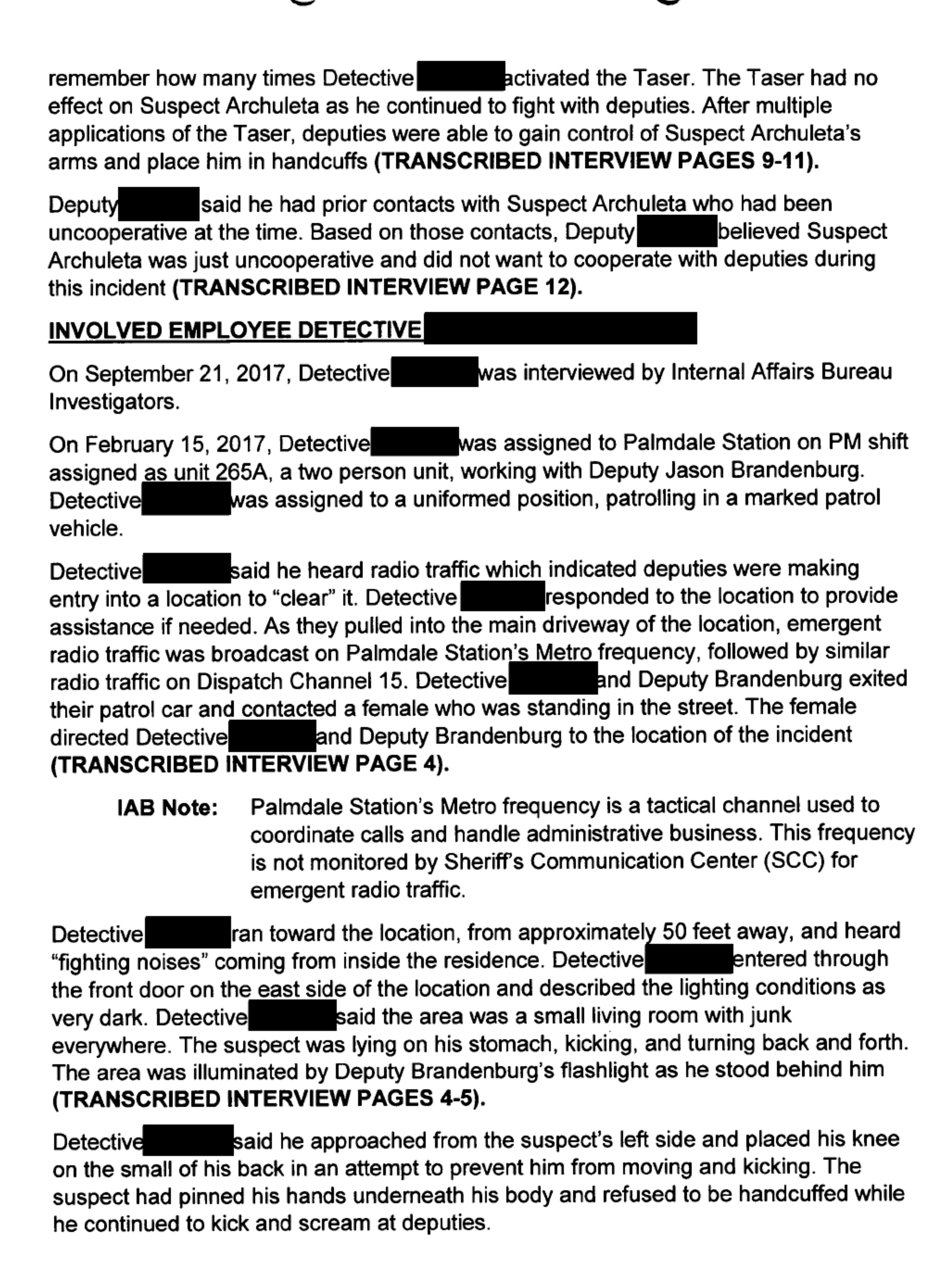
On February 15, 2017, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to Palmdale Station on PM shift assigned as unit 263, a single person unit. Deputy [redacted] was assigned to a uniformed position, patrolling in marked patrol vehicle. Deputy [redacted] received a call for service at [redacted] East Avenue R, [redacted] Palmdale, of a possible family disturbance. Deputy [redacted] arrived at the location with Deputy Guerra. As he approached the residence he heard "large thuds" which sounded like people fighting **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 6-7).**

> **IAB Note:** During his interview with IAB investigators, Deputy [redacted] said he was working a two man unit with Deputy Guerra which is not accurate. The time stamped in-service and Deputy Daily Work Sheets **(Miscellaneous Documents)** both indicated Deputies [redacted] and Guerra were assigned single man units.

Deputy [redacted] said he heard emergent radio traffic as he got to the front door, which was already opened. Deputy [redacted] said he saw the suspect in a seated position on the couch with deputies on both sides of him. Deputy [redacted] said the location was dark and he was unable to distinguish the deputies surrounding the suspect. Deputy [redacted] described the suspect moving his hands "violently in the air" while also kicking at both deputies. Deputy [redacted] said Suspect Archuleta was taken down to the floor; however, it happened fast and doesn't recall the individual actions of each deputy. Deputy [redacted] said he was present for the takedown but did not assist **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 7-8).**

Once Suspect Archuleta was on the floor, Deputy [redacted] attempted to gain control of the suspect's right hand and place it behind his back. He lost his grip of Suspect Archuleta's hand as he tucked it underneath his chest, preventing himself from being handcuffed. Deputy [redacted] said he felt the suspect was pushing himself up, attempting to get to his feet. Deputy [redacted] said he pressed down on the back of Suspect Archuleta's head with his hands, forcing it to the floor, to keep the suspect from standing up **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 9).**

Deputy [redacted] said Detective [redacted] arrived at the residence, gave the suspect several verbal commands to stop fighting, and deployed a Taser. Deputy [redacted] said Detective [redacted] deployed the Taser in the drive stun mode. Deputy [redacted] does not



remember how many times Detective [redacted] activated the Taser. The Taser had no effect on Suspect Archuleta as he continued to fight with deputies. After multiple applications of the Taser, deputies were able to gain control of Suspect Archuleta's arms and place him in handcuffs **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 9-11).**

Deputy [redacted] said he had prior contacts with Suspect Archuleta who had been uncooperative at the time. Based on those contacts, Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Archuleta was just uncooperative and did not want to cooperate with deputies during this incident **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 12).**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DETECTIVE [redacted]

On September 21, 2017, Detective [redacted] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators.

On February 15, 2017, Detective [redacted] was assigned to Palmdale Station on PM shift assigned as unit 265A, a two person unit, working with Deputy Jason Brandenburg. Detective [redacted] was assigned to a uniformed position, patrolling in a marked patrol vehicle.

Detective [redacted] said he heard radio traffic which indicated deputies were making entry into a location to "clear" it. Detective [redacted] responded to the location to provide assistance if needed. As they pulled into the main driveway of the location, emergent radio traffic was broadcast on Palmdale Station's Metro frequency, followed by similar radio traffic on Dispatch Channel 15. Detective [redacted] and Deputy Brandenburg exited their patrol car and contacted a female who was standing in the street. The female directed Detective [redacted] and Deputy Brandenburg to the location of the incident **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 4).**

IAB Note: Palmdale Station's Metro frequency is a tactical channel used to coordinate calls and handle administrative business. This frequency is not monitored by Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) for emergent radio traffic.

Detective [redacted] ran toward the location, from approximately 50 feet away, and heard "fighting noises" coming from inside the residence. Detective [redacted] entered through the front door on the east side of the location and described the lighting conditions as very dark. Detective [redacted] said the area was a small living room with junk everywhere. The suspect was lying on his stomach, kicking, and turning back and forth. The area was illuminated by Deputy Brandenburg's flashlight as he stood behind him **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 4-5).**

Detective [redacted] said he approached from the suspect's left side and placed his knee on the small of his back in an attempt to prevent him from moving and kicking. The suspect had pinned his hands underneath his body and refused to be handcuffed while he continued to kick and scream at deputies.

Detective [redacted] said he heard the sound of a Taser sparking from behind him. Deputy Brandenburg then handed him a Taser and told him "Hey, this is good to go." The Taser cartridge had been removed. Detective [redacted] said he placed the Taser in the suspect's lower back and tased him. The Taser had no visual, audible, or physical effect as Suspect Archuleta continued shifting his weight from shoulder to shoulder and kicking his legs **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 5).**

Unsure if the Taser was functioning, Detective [redacted] "spark tested" the Taser by activating the Taser. He placed the Taser in the suspect's lower back and tased the suspect a second time. Multiple deputies were giving Suspect Archuleta verbal commands to stop fighting and put his hands behind his back. Suspect Archuleta refused to comply with the verbal commands. The second deployment of the Taser had no effect on the suspect **(TRANCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 6-7).**

Detective [redacted] deployed the Taser a third time on the center of the suspect's back. The suspect let out a yell or cry and Detective [redacted] could see the suspect's muscles tensing up. Suspect Archuleta still refused to remove his hands from underneath himself. Detective [redacted] saw Deputy Guerra strike the suspect with two or three knee strikes on the right side of his torso. Deputy Guerra was then able to pull the suspect's right arm from underneath him. Suspect Archuleta continued to fight and refused to place his left arm behind his back **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 7).**

Detective [redacted] deployed the Taser again in the same spot as the prior tasing. Deputies were then able to pull the suspect's left arm out from underneath him and handcuff him without further incident. Detective [redacted] said once the handcuffs were applied, Suspect Archuleta became compliant **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 8).**

WITNESS DEPUTY JASON BRANDENBURG

On September 21, 2017, Deputy Brandenburg was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators.

On February 15, 2017, Deputy Brandenburg was assigned to Palmdale Station on PM shift assigned as unit 265A, a two person unit, working with Detective [redacted] Deputy Brandenburg was assigned to a uniformed position, patrolling in marked patrol vehicle.

Deputy Brandenburg said he heard radio traffic which indicated deputies were making entry into a location to "clear" it. Deputy Brandenburg and Detective [redacted] responded to the location to provide assistance if needed. As they arrived, emergent radio traffic was broadcast on Palmdale Station's Metro frequency, followed by emergent radio traffic broadcast on Dispatch 15. Deputy Brandenburg said he could hear yelling coming from inside of the residence and saw deputies fighting with Suspect Archuleta on the floor. Several pieces of furniture were overturned **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGE 4).**

Detective [redacted] then placed his knee on Suspect Archuleta's lower back. Deputy Brandenburg said he grabbed his Taser, removed the cartridge and cycled the Taser to ensure it was working properly. Deputy Brandenburg said he removed the Taser cartridge based on the close proximity of the deputies who were engaged with the suspect. Deputy Brandenburg heard several verbal commands given to the suspect to stop fighting, all of which were ignored **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 4-5).**

Deputy Brandenburg said Detective [redacted] tased the suspect two times using the drive stun mode while giving the suspect verbal commands to stop fighting. The Taser appeared to have no effect on the suspect. Deputy Brandenburg said there was simply no room for him to engage the suspect, so he stepped outside and requested the Los Angeles County Fire Department to stage outside. When he came back inside the residence, Suspect Archuleta was handcuffed **(TRANSCRIBED INTERVIEW PAGES 5-6).**

SUSPECT MICHAEL ARCHULETA

On February 16, 2017, at approximately 0200, IAB Investigators Sergeant Michael Maxwell, Sergeant [redacted], and Lieutenant Roberta Granek, responded to Palmdale Regional Medical Center to conduct an interview with Suspect Michael Archuleta. Suspect Archuleta appeared to suffer from mental health issues. Suspect Archuleta rambled incoherently and was not able to provide an interview **(EXHIBIT B).**